

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

State Universal Service Support of Basic Local
Service Included in a Bundled Service Offering or
Contract Offering

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

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- ☐ Electric
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☐ Sewer
☒ Telecommunications
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- ☐ Affidavit
☐ Agreement
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☐ Brief
☐ Certificate
☐ Comments
☐ Complaint
☐ Consent Order
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☐ Exhibit
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☐ Interconnection Agreement
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☒ Letter
☐ Memorandum
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☐ Petition
☐ Petition for Reconsideration
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☐ Protest
☐ Publisher's Affidavit
☐ Report
☐ Request
☐ Request for Certification
☐ Request for Investigation
☐ Resale Agreement
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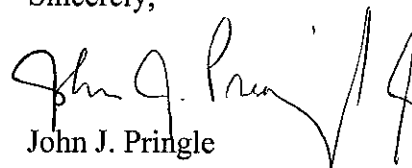
RE: Docket No. 2009-326-C, State Universal Service Support of Basic Local
Service Included in a Bundled Service Offering or Contract Offering –
Sprint's Position Statement

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to the Commission Hearing Officer Directive, issued July 31, 2009 in Docket No. 1997-239-C, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") submits this position statement regarding whether basic local service should receive State Universal Service support when it is included in a bundled service offering or contract offering. Sprint's position is that subsidies, whether received through a state Universal Service Fund or through an ILEC's inflated intrastate switched access rates, are anti-competitive and must be eliminated or minimized to the greatest extent possible. Limiting eligibility for state USF subsidies to only those ILEC customer lines that use stand-alone basic service is an obvious first step toward minimizing subsidies. It would also recognize the fact that these carriers have numerous additional sources of revenue available from these lines other than basic local voice service. Accordingly, Sprint and the people of South Carolina would benefit from not unduly enriching incumbent carriers by limiting state USF subsidy payments to the subset of customer lines that represent stand-alone basic local service.

Thank you for your assistance, and please call me if you should have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


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State Universal Service Support of Basic)
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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, one (1) copy of the **August 17, 2009 Letter to The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni (Sprint's Position Statement)** by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), with proper first-class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

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